

Capsule Summary
SM-796
Wheatley's Content
Leonardtown
Private

circa 1900

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-796

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Wheatley's Content

other

2. Location

street and number 22750 Wheatley's Content Farm Lane not for publication

city, town Leonardtown x vicinity

county St. Mary's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John B. Norris, Jr. et al

street and number 22750 Wheatley's Content Farm Lane telephone N/a

city, town Leonardtown state Md zip code 20650-9801

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-33, P-27

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 1372 folios 332 & 336

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	3+ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	recreation/culture sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	religion structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	social objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	transportation 3+ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	unknown
			vacant/not in use
			other:
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Standing amidst a large farm consisting of 155.02 acres is Wheatley's Content. The main farm house is approached via a long dirt farm lane that extends to the north of Saint Andrews Church Road. Accompanied by at least two large tobacco barns and a hay/dairy barn (the most prominent outbuildings visible from the roadway), the main house is oriented on a south/north axis. The property is bounded by agricultural and residential tracts to the north, east, and west and Saint Andrews Church Road to the south. Due to the distance of the house from the roadway, only the largest buildings including the main house and barns were visible from the roadway. Other outbuildings and resources may exist.

The main house at Wheatley's Content is a two-and-a-half story, five bay, frame house with a gable roof. The exterior appears to be sheathed with clapboard while the roof is clad with either a raised seam or pressed metal roof. Judging from the overall massing and form of the house it appears to have been built circa 1900.

The first floor fenestration of the south or primary elevation is largely obscured by a porch. Judging from the symmetrical arrangement of the five windows on the second floor, the first floor probably consists of a centrally located door flanked on either side by two windows. Immediately above the middle bay of the second floor is a prominent cross gable that protrudes from the gable roof. Pierced by a window, the cross gable is further accentuated by cornice returns.

No other elevations were investigated.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 50 acres
Acreage of historical setting 155.02 acres
Quadrangle name Hollywood

Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded by agricultural and residential tracts to the north, east, and west and Saint Andrews Church Road to the south. A more specific description of the property's boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 1372, Folios 332 and 336.

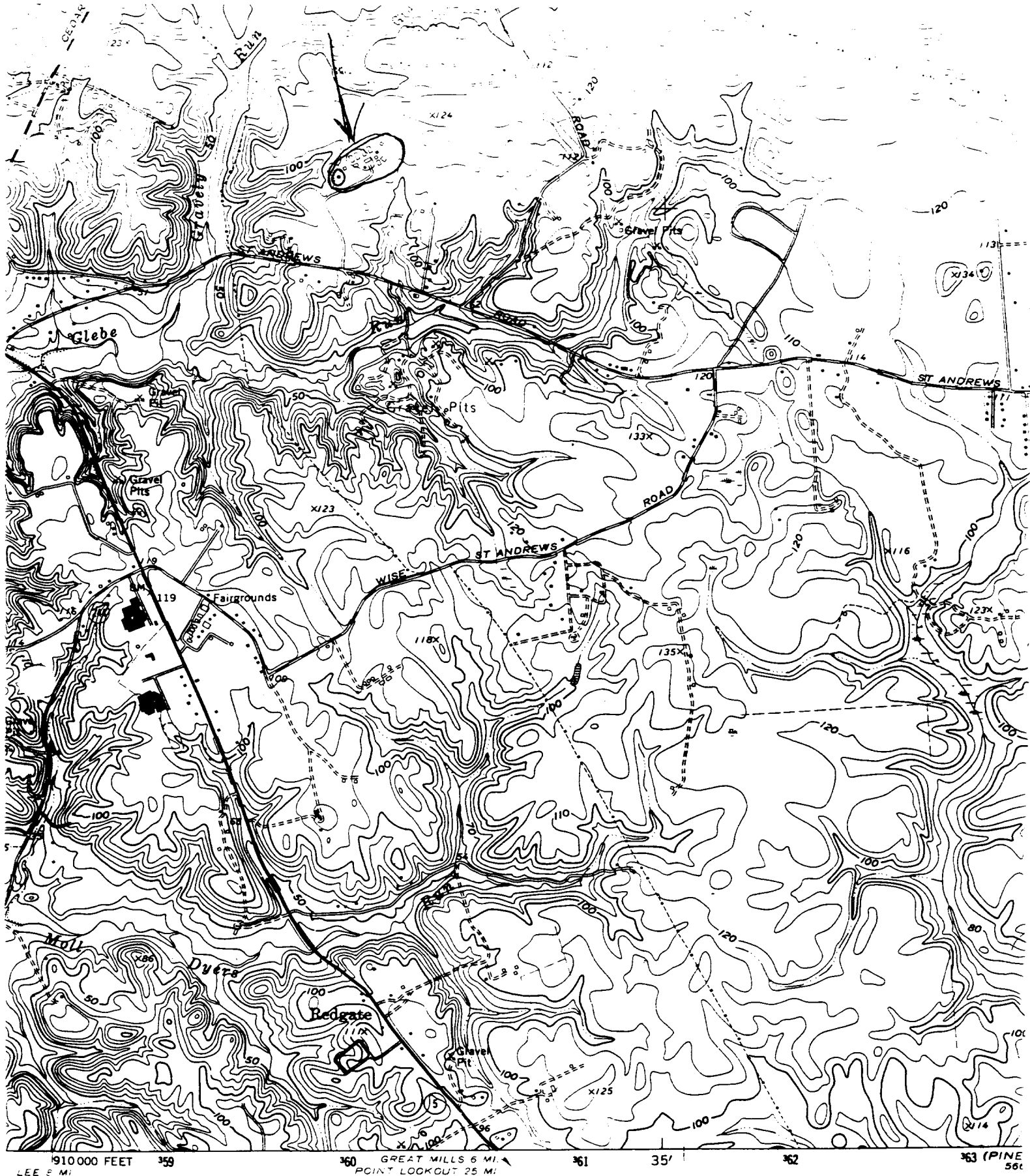
11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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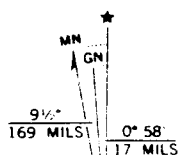
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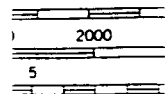
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